

April 19, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Kingsford, County of Dickinson, and State of Michigan.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Dixon-Miller, Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio and Groeneveld
Absent: none

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] and John VanDusen.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the April 5, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the invoices for April 6, 2021 through April 19, 2021 in the amount of \$311,003.71.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report – March
- Treasurer's Report – March

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize Director Metras to hire lifeguards for Cowboy Lake as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

There were no Communications.

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- The City Manager attended a County-wide Geographic Information System (GIS) Parcel Mapping meeting on April 6th. Included with the Manager's Report is a meeting summary prepared by Lois Ellis [DAEDA].
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Kingsford has a large number of delinquent utility bills. The City Manager discussed the matter with the staff and included a memo with the Manager's Report outlining the plan of action we will be taking at this time.
- The Personnel/Negotiations Committee is scheduled to meet with the AFSCME and POLC representatives on Tuesday (April 20th) and Thursday (April 22nd) respectively for the purpose of establishing new Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) with each bargaining unit.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the April 19, 2021 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

The first item under New Business was a Request to Modify and Use a Piece of City-Owned Property. Mr. Jeff Brickey, owner of 51st State Brewing Company, owns a building located at 441 Knudsen Drive. He is requesting the City's permission to add gravel to the city-owned easement on the south-side of his property for the purpose of loading and unloading delivery trucks. This property is currently used an additional access point for the DPW storage site. Supt. DeMuri feels there are no issues with permitting Mr. Brickey's request. The City Manager consulted with the City Attorney who suggested permission be granted through an agreement approved by the City Council to avoid any misunderstandings or liability issues. City Manager Stelmaszek requested the City Council authorize the City Attorney to draft an agreement, which will be brought to the City Council for final approval. Mayor Groeneveld asked City Attorney Brouillette what kind of agreement would be needed. Brouillette stated this would be a license to use the city-owned property, which the City would have ability to revoke upon 30-day notice if necessary. A Hold Harmless agreement would also be included.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the City Attorney to draft an agreement between the City of Kingsford and Mr. Jeff Brickey to modify and use a piece of city-owned property as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business was a Request for a Street Light in Alley. Mr. John VanDusen of 636 Hamilton Avenue submitted a letter [with photos] requesting the addition of a street light in the alley adjacent to Ford Park. He feels the lack of lighting in the area is dangerous for children who visit the park outside of daylight hours. Stelmaszek felt this request should be forwarded to the Citizen's Advisory/Parks & Recreation Committee to obtain their input and recommendations prior to further consideration from the City Council. Mr. VanDusen was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the councilmembers. A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to forward the street light request to the Citizen's Advisory/Parks & Recreation Committee to address at their May 10th, 2021 meeting.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business was a Request to Use Lodal Park on August 7th, 2021. Life Light Communications, Inc. submitted a park use application for the Zero Gravity Outreach event. The event will be held in the same manner as last year, while providing security and abiding by any State social distancing guidelines in effect at the time of the event. A current Certificate of Liability Insurance was also provided.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the park use application for the Zero Gravity Outreach event to be held at Lodal Park on August 7th, 2021.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmembers Baldinelli again suggested the councilmembers begin organizing a committee for the centennial celebration. Mayor Groeneveld stated the focus for the centennial celebration will commence following the completion of CBA negotiations and budget ratification.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.



Mayor



Clerk